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DELIVER FOLLOWING P5+1 TALKS

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(C) Poleconoff delivered reftel points on October 8 to Joao Neves da Costa, Portugal's MFA Director for Middle East and Maghreb Affairs. While guardedly optimistic about Iran's purported willingness to cooperate with the international community following P5 1 talks in Geneva, Neves da Costa affirmed that Portugal's position on Iran's nuclear program remained clear: "If Iran continues to stall and fails to deliver in the next three weeks, as President Obama outlined after the meeting in Geneva, Portugal will push for a package of independent EU sanctions against Iran."

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